GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR OBC
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided adequate job opportunities for the persons belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the various Departments, Autonomous offices, subsidiary and attached offices of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the OBC staff strength is far less than what it should be corresponding to the total strength, particularly in Group A and B;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and the remedial measures taken by the Government to provide adequate representations for the OBC and to uphold social justice to the persons belonging to the OBC in respect of job opportunities;

(e) whether the Government have asked for any detailed reports from the various Departments, Autonomous Offices, subsidiary and attached offices under the Ministry regarding the current status of OBC representations in Group A,B,C and D; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a), (b), (e) & (f) : Yes, Sir, The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is having an undertaking, i.e. National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) and an apex level cooperative society, i.e. Tribal Cooperative marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED), under its administrative control. On the basis of information gathered from all these bodies, the position is as given below:

Sl.No.	Orgn.	Group	Total No. of Employees	OBC
1.	Ministry	A	18	Nil
		B	26	1
		C	26	3
		D	15	1
		Total	85	5
2.	NSTFDC	A	18	1
		B	6	1
		C	10	2
		D	11	Nil
		Total	45	4
3.	TRIFED	A	52	1
		B	03	Nil
		C	188	12
		D	38	4
		Total	281	17

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d). Department of Personnel & Training, who are the nodal Department inregard to reservation matters, have clarified that since reservation for OBCs was introduced only in 1993, the representation in services is not yet complete. However, in order to ensure that vacancies reserved for OBCs arefilled by OBCs only, there is a ban on dereservation of vacancies for them. They are also given various concessions like relaxation of three years in upper age limit etc.